

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 95-1192-E - ORDER NO. 96-280✓
APRIL 18, 1996

IN RE: Proceeding for Approval of PURPA Avoided) ORDER
Cost Rates for Electric Companies.) DENYING
) REQUEST

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Request of the Intervenor Consolidated Hydro Southeast, Inc. (Consolidated Hydro) for modification of the prefile dates in this matter. On April 10, 1996, this Commission issued Order No. 96-257 which required prefiling of testimony by the utilities in this case on or before June 13, 1996. Testimony and exhibits of the Commission's Staff and/or any Intervenor was required to be prefiled on or before July 11, 1996. Rebuttal testimony of the utilities was ordered to be filed on or before July 25, 1996, and surrebuttal testimony of Commission Staff and/or Intervenor was to be filed on or before August 1, 1996.

Consolidated Hydro states that the utilities should prefile testimony and exhibits on or before May 23, 1996. Under the proposed schedule, the Intervenor would have until July 11, 1996 to prefile, and the rebuttal would be filed on or about July 25, 1996. Consolidated Hydro states several reasons for the proposal of this schedule. First, according to that Company, this

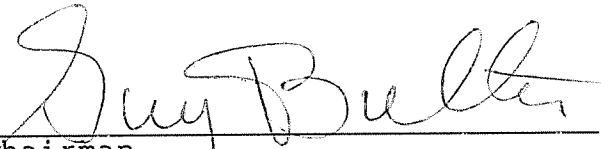
represents an extension to the utilities of almost two months from the original deadline. Second, it gives the Intervenor a reasonable period of time to review the utilities' submissions and prepare their own case. The Commission notes that all three electric utilities in this case have filed letters in opposition to Consolidated Hydro Southeast's proposed modification of the prefile schedule. These letters support the Commission's established schedule as stated above.

The Commission has examined this matter and believes that the request of Consolidated Hydro Southeast, Inc. must be denied. We believe that testimony filed any earlier than the time appointed by the Commission will contain stale data, as the most up-to-the-minute data is appropriate in avoided cost cases of this type.

The Request is therefore denied.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


VICE Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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